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(54) **System, method, and apparatus for sharing revision control databases**

(57) A system, method, and apparatus for sharing revision control databases is presented herein. Access to files in a first repository is provided to a group of users associated with the second repository by placement of a

link in the second repository. The link in the second repository points to a shared files subdirectory in the first repository. The users associated with the second repository access files in the shared files subdirectory by accessing the second repository and selecting the link.

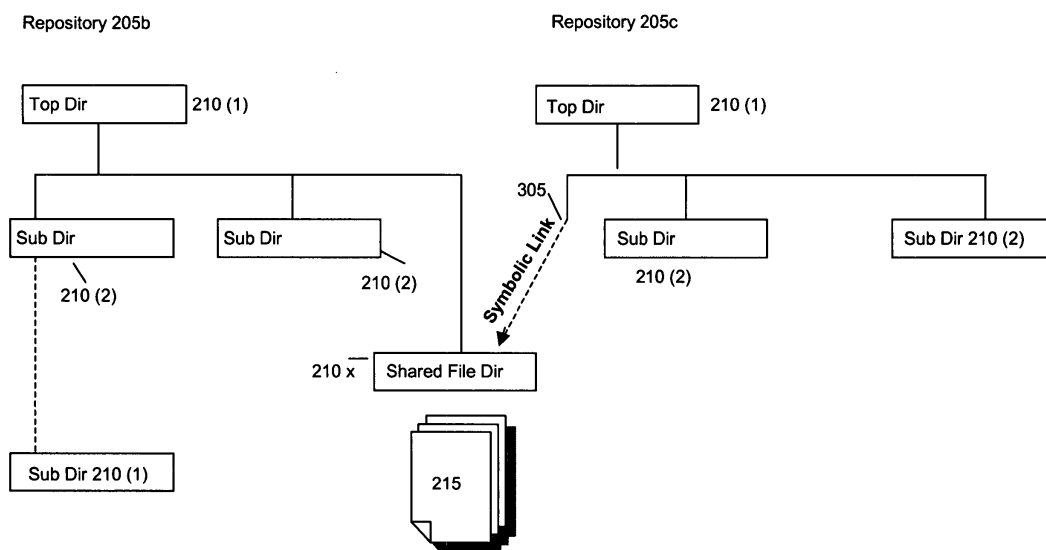


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